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Applicant: Thompson, Thomas C.

Appn. Title: Retrofit Hurricane-Earthquake Clip

Examiner: Garcia, Ernesto

Mailed November 30, 2004

AMENDMENT I

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 11/15/04, I have included in this response the following:

1. Response to the office action.
2. Amended claims in revised format.
3. Certificate of Mailing.

Very respectfully,

  
Thomas C. Thompson

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## RESPONSE

1. **The claims in the listing fail to properly show all changes or otherwise fail to use the most recent claim copy as the starting basis.** The applicant revised the claims by having three windows open in the computer. The response, the original claims, and the revised claims were open in separate windows. The applicant must have mixed up the windows during cutting and pasting. The applicant respectfully apologizes and thanks the examiner for a chance to respond.
2. **Applicant is urged to compare the prior version to the current version in the rest of the claims.** The applicant has corrected the claims, so that they contain all additions and deletions that were presented in the October, 2003 amendment. A copy of the correctly amended claims in revised amendment practice is included.
3. Accordingly, since the applicant perceives that the amended claims read over the cited reference, the applicant submits that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action applicant respectfully solicits. If the examiner agrees but does not feel that the present claims are technically adequate, applicant respectfully requests that the examiner write acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j).

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Thompson", written in a cursive style.

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